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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Eugene L. "Gene" Adams of McHenry, who passed away on February 6, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Adams was born in McHenry to Lewis and Clara (nee Pitzen) Adams on June 13, 1920; he graduated from McHenry High School in 1938 and worked at Pitzen's Camp "The Bay" while going to high school and after graduation; at the age of 21, he was inducted into the United States Army and served during World War II from 1941 until 1945; as an infantryman, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with 3 Bronze Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Battle Star, and a Purple Heart Medal; after his honorable discharge, he married Marion Hausheer at St. Mary Church in McHenry on August 22, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Adams worked for Henry Muntz & Son of Elgin as an on-the-road hardware salesman; one of his accounts was Lee & Ray Electric, and in the early 1950s, he joined the business as part-owner; his role grew until ownership was turned over to his sons, Paul and Greg in December of 1973; from 1974 to his retirement in June of 1985, he worked for Englewood Electrical Supply; and

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1 WHEREAS, Eugene Adams enjoyed fishing, gardening, and
2 getting together with his friends; his monthly card club
3 gathering with his buddies spanned 70 years; he often referred
4 to himself as the V.P. of the L.C.G. (the Leinenkugel Choral
5 Group), an annual fishing trip at Clam Lake; he volunteered,
6 along with his wife, for the FISH food pantry in McHenry; he
7 was a longtime member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, St.
8 Mary Court 594; he was a lifelong member of St. Mary Church in
9 McHenry, where he ushered; he was also a member and past
10 President of the McHenry Kiwanis, where he organized the Peanut
11 Day fundraiser for several years; he was also involved with the
12 beginning of Little League Baseball in McHenry and a member of
13 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4600 in McHenry; and

14 WHEREAS, Eugene Adams was preceded in death by his parents;
15 his wife, Marion; his son, Greg; and his brother, Charles "Bud"
16 "Sharky" Adams; and

17 WHEREAS, Eugene Adams is survived by his 5 children, John
18 "Jack" (Janet) Adams, Paul (Marjory) Adams, Mark (Sharon)
19 Adams, Mary (Tom) Knaack, and Patricia (Mark) Giacomo; his 14
20 grandchildren; and his 5 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Eugene L. "Gene" Adams, and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Eugene Adams as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.